

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Hartley et al.	)	
	)	Examiner:
Serial No. 10/645,089	)	Rene T. Towa
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Filing Date: August 21, 2003	)	Group Art Unit No.: 3736
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated June 23, 2009, the Applicants submit an Amendment. The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejections of the claims and to grant allowance of this Application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The Applicants' Response contains a color annotated figure on page 11 for illustrative purposes. To ensure that Examiner Towa received the color version of this annotated figure, the Applicants have e-mailed Examiner Towa an attachment (Attachment 1) containing this color annotated figure to [rene.towa@uspto.gov](mailto:rene.towa@uspto.gov).

Amendments begin on Page 2.

Remarks being on Page 8.